

3 December 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Legislative Interdepartmental Group Meeting -
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1. On Tuesday, 3 December 1974, I attended a meeting of the Legislative Interdepartmental Group in the Roosevelt Room of the White House from 1030 hours until approximately 1145 hours. Bill Timmons chaired the meeting which was on the subject of Foreign Assistance legislation. Those present were:

White House

Tom Korologos
Max Friedersdorf

AID

Matt Harvey -

NSC

Bud McFarlane
Richard Kennedy
Col. Clinton Granger
Susan Schiffer

DOD

John Maury
Donald Floyd

State Department

Jim Michael
Carlyle Maw
Sam Goldberg

USIA

Edward Hildago

OMB

Donald Ogilvie
Harry Shaw

Capitol Hill

Everett Bierman

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[REDACTED] Called Bill Espinosa, AID/OGC, to see what he knew of the status of the Foreign Assistance Act. He said that the House bill (H. R. 17234) would probably come up on the floor on December 10th, but possibly could be delayed further due to the reorganization. The Senate version (S. 3394) may come up today, but in any event it would be 25X1 unlikely that action would be completed before December 4th.

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5. [redacted] Called Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, to review the situation with respect to the Hughes amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act. I mentioned Senator Stennis' call to the Director this morning asking if he opposed the Hughes amendment and the Director's response he did not oppose the amendment as such unless it would be interpreted as giving much wider dissemination of Agency secrets to the Congress than has been the case heretofore. I told McFadden that I had taken some flack from the White House people at the LIG meeting this morning saying that the Director had shot their efforts down in flames and I was concerned that Senator Stennis might be upset about this. McFadden said the Senator was disappointed but he was sure he was not upset. He said the Senator was searching for a basis for objecting to the Hughes amendment and felt he was vulnerable if he attacked the proposal on jurisdictional grounds since he has not held many committee meetings and has not held hearings on his proposed amendments to the National Security Act.

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6. [redacted] Called Dick Kennedy, White House staff, to alert him to the content of the Director's letter to Senator Stennis on the Hughes amendment to the Foreign Assistance bill. I also told Kennedy of my conversation with Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee. Kennedy said he thought the final resolution of this item at the LIG meeting, i.e., to accept the Hughes amendment as the least objectionable of the possibilities, was the correct one and he felt there were no repercussions from the Director's position. I sent Kennedy a copy of the Director's letter to Senator Stennis. (Copies of this letter were previously sent to General Scowcroft and Tom Korologos.)

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7. [redacted] Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called and asked if the press item concerning Ambassador Helms' travel in the Persian Gulf had a direct connection with the Reserve release item that we brought up today. I told McConnell I was not aware of any connection but this was, of course, entirely possible. I said I would check and let him know. McConnell is particularly interested because he expects a question from Senator Pastore on it.

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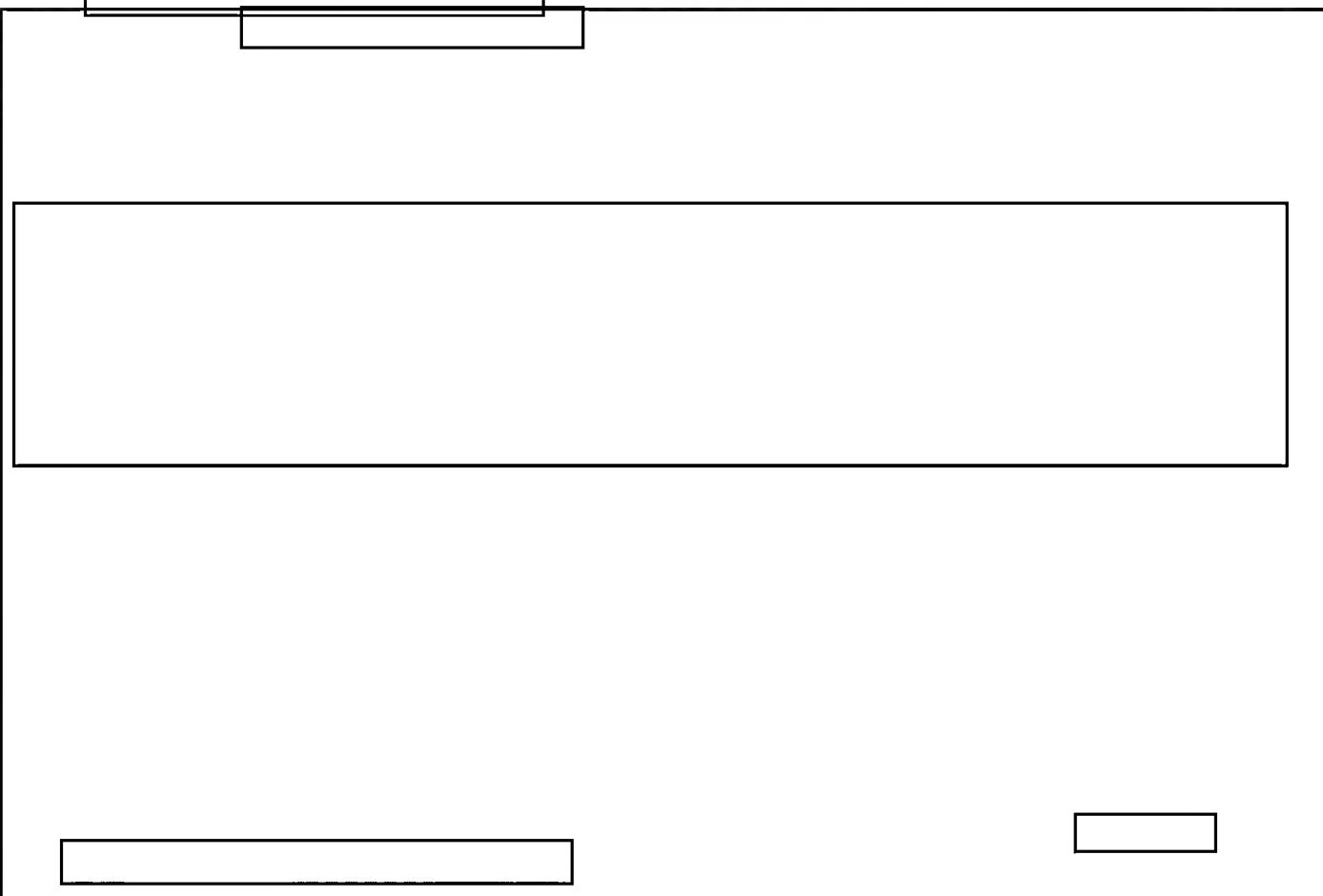
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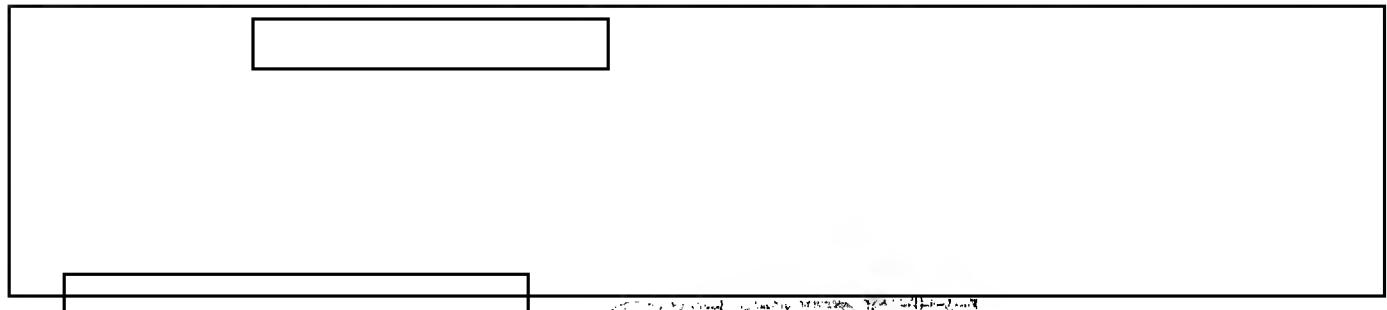
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17. [redacted] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, and delivered to him a set of background papers on the Foreign Assistance Act. Braswell told me that he will be pleased to hold onto the papers, but that he didn't expect any action to be taken by Senator Stennis with regard to them. The Senator talked to the Director this morning and learned from him that he has no substantive objection to the wording set forth in the bill.

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